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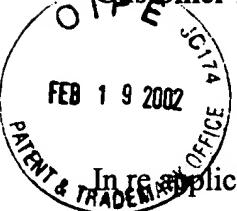
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 1 2. (newly added) The prosthesis according to claim 1, wherein said at least one end portion
~~2~~ has a width greater than a width of said scleral pocket or tunnel into which said prosthesis is to be
3 implanted.